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Greetings,

I'm an individual that learned about the DOJ email concerning the Microsoft case from Wired News. I believe that a lot have already been said. However, for some reasons that I guess, I seen all the recent actions that have been taken by the DOJ and the states involved in the case and I believe that the decisions taken are barely helping the great values and principles that the court of the United States are defending.

Microsoft commercial practices not only shows that they endanger the world economy but worse our own culture. For years Microsoft has forged a name not on his technological advances or breakthroughs but mostly on the way it feeds his business from major sources like the innovations of his competitors and its future competitors (i.e. by hiring and swallowing brilliant students from universities). The pattern followed by the development of Microsoft business clearly shows that this company aims a cultural hegemony that she'll be capable to change or sell as she pleased if we let it follow it's course. It will severely harm the world economy and, most of all, greatly endanger what constitutes it's soul part, the wealth of human values that rules visibly and silently our balance.

I deplore that some great minds cannot see the harm that has been done not only economically but at every level of human activity. I believe that the price we will all pay for such commercial practices will far exceed what our most brilliant minds can calculate.

I do not wish to sink Microsoft for the fun of it or to defend a cause. This company and his leader are a great asset in every way. I just believe other ways exist to compete sanely with others without excluding totally the others and endangering the processus of innovation.

- 1) The splitting of Microsoft is not a necessity.
- 2) Letting Microsoft go away that easily without making major changes in it's commercial practice will help the economy in short terms but will be only report a danger that will increase in time. Saving money now, spending more later ?
- 3) Microsoft must sell a strip down version of his OS Windows and facilitate (not divulgate) immediately it's source code. It should propose a new way to share codes that could not impede the competition. It should work in a way that could stimulate the competition instead of microsofting it.
- 4) The "almost" deal with the U.S., I believe that the U.S. government didn't had the gut to finish the job. Worse because of that attitude, Microsoft signed another deal (software to the poor U.S. schools) that will increase is power in a way that justified is bringing to justice in the first place. Do you think that Microsoft should help more than the U.S. poorest schools ? Don't you think that he has done harm only in the U.S. ?
- 5) This court of justice & the U.S. has a great deal of responsibilities on it's shoulders not only for the sake of the U.S. rights but for the principles and values on which they build there national order and greatly influenced the world.

By sending you my comments, I have done my civic contribution.

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